

What's NEW

A bi-weekly newsletter for Greenfield Community College staff and faculty

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The President's Corner

As the fiscal mess at the state level continues unresolved, the impact upon all of us at GCC deepens. Last Thursday, we received a directive from Chancellor Franklin Jenifer to prepare an impact statement of additional cuts in the current operating budget of 1 percent, 3 percent and 5 percent. I am guessing that a 3 percent reversion is likely, if not inevitable. That amounts to \$169,811.

What will this new cut mean to the operation of the college? Members of the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees are considering many options, including reducing further all operating accounts; charging an emergency student fee of up to \$5 per credit in the spring semester; denying admission to approximately 150 new students who would normally begin college work in January, thus eliminating most sections taught by part-time faculty; and digging deeply into college reserve funds accumulated over the past 15 years. This step is drastic, as it indicates that we are operating beyond our current funding level—not a good spot to be in and a circumstance that cannot continue for long. We will be forced to take some combination of these steps, however, to avoid lay-offs of full-time staff.

If GCC must deny admission to qualified new day division students, our basic mission as a community college will be thrown into question. As a community college, we serve students who are unlikely to have the option of attending another college. Will some of these potential students end up on welfare or other costly alternatives to the state? The decision to turn away students, painful though it is, may be necessary if we are to safeguard the quality of the educa-

tional experience we offer.

I realize that our current fiscal situation places stress on all of you on the staff. Faculty are teaching the largest classes in our history, our counseling staff is overworked, administrators and support staff have been required to take on additional duties as some positions remain unfilled, maintenance crews and trades people have fewer colleagues with whom to share their work. I cannot promise that these conditions will be alleviated in the near future. I do want you to know, however, that your extra efforts are recognized and appreciated. We as a college community cannot and will not join those in the public, business community and government who are so ready to sacrifice our children's and our long-term economic future to solve this current political and fiscal disaster.

All of you on the staff of GCC are, in a broad sense, educators. In this role, please help in the current struggle which we face. Let your legislators, your families, your friends, and your acquaintances in the business community know how working conditions and, especially, the quality of education we can offer our students, are being eroded. A united and loud outcry from all those involved in public higher education is needed on behalf of all our students and our college. Further, strong support for responsible funding initiatives which target education, such as the Tax Equity Alliance Petition currently being circulated by the Student Senate and the GCCPA is critical if the current assault on public higher education, including GCC, is to be stopped.

—Kay Sloan

Staff Notes

RADIO, RADIO...

We may soon be hearing GCC on the airwaves, as **Merryl Sackin, Barbara McColgan and Garry Longe** are working on a plan to create an in-house radio station...

CONGRATULATIONS...

to **Nancy Buchanan**, who has been named chair-elect of the Nurse-Directed section of the American College Health Association. Nurse Directors are those nurses who are responsible for the direction of the Student Health Services areas of their schools. There's none better than GCC's, and we're proud of you, Nancy!

to **Garry Longe, Dennis Koonz and Raymonde Pollard**, who travelled all the way to Boston last week for dinner at the State House. We didn't hear exactly what the menu was, but rumor was that the Gov was springing for Big Macs (hey, with large orders of fries!) and sundaes from the Brigham's across the Boston Common. The three received Distinguished Service Awards last spring, and dinner at the State House was part of the deal...

WELCOME...

to **Susan Young**, who has joined our

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B.J. Roche, editor

*Arden Billings, assistant to the
editor*

Douglas Ross, student assistant

Deadline for next issue: October 11

Aloha Oy!

Dick Little will be hitting the road again next summer, and this time it's destination: Hawaii, for the Fantastic Landscapes Tour #6. The trip leaves June 19, 1990, from Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, Ct., and returns on July 4. The itinerary includes guided visits to Diamond Head, Maui, the Haleakala Volcano, the Kau Desert, and other places of interest. Dick is an expert on the environments of Hawaii, and his trips are always as much fun as they are educational. The last trip sold out early, so contact him soon for information, at his home, at 774-4827, or call Michele at Valley Travel, at 774-2905.



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staff as the Business Cluster's secretary. Susan, who is from Turners Falls, has a six-year old daughter, Michelle.

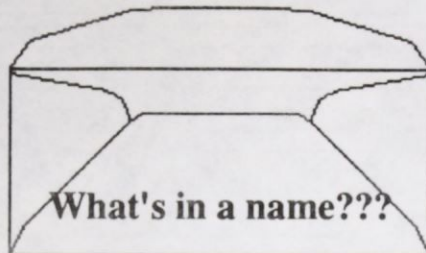
GET WELL SOON WISHES...

to **Ben Drabeck**. Ben was in a car accident September 16 and sustained several broken ribs. He's out of the hospital, resting at home, and his colleagues are counting the days till he returns.

ON THE HOME FRONT...

Is anyone looking for a place to live? Gary Bachman is interested in renting his house at 82 James Street in Greenfield to a faculty/staff member. It's located near Highland Park, has 3 bedrooms and a garage. For information, call him at 773-9707

Also, Linda Horta, secretary in the Behavioral Sciences Cluster, is asking anyone interested in renting her mother-in-law's apartment to contact her. It's a second-floor, five room apartment at 22 Colrain, and includes a pantry and screened in porch. Available October 9.



Plenty of laughs if you're the one who has to sort them all, according to mailroom chief Diana Roberts. Diana has saved the best of the mis-addressed labels, and they're pasted up on a poster in the mailroom.

A few observations: Rob Yacubian seems to have the hardest time getting people to spell his name right. Variations on his name include Yacubican, Vacubean, Uaculwin.

The sum of these bloopers entail typographical errors and misspellings like: Ronald Smitchfield; Mrs. Betty Rosewarmer; Don Brown, Life Experience Dept.; Prudy Rucci; Wayne Colla and Merryl Sockin.

Then there is George Blulf; Mr. Charles, Past Pres. Carter; Lynne Stewart House; Deborah Robacheave and Margaret E. C. Howl and Curator. And does anyone know who these people are? David Physics, Mr. Larry, Mr. J. McCc, Sterkubg Ckarj or Bookstore Betty?

Diana collects the bloopers, with the consent of the addressee, for the humor of it (and funny it is). But how does this mail get to where it's going? According to Diana, it helps to know who the people are when delivering erroneously labled mail.

--Douglas Ross

Truman Scholars

GCC may nominate one student to compete for a 1990-1991 **Harry S Truman Scholarship**. The awards are made to an outstanding individual (who will be a college junior in the fall of 1990, and who is preparing for some aspect of public service. The grant is for tuition, fees, books, and room and board, to a maximum of \$7,000 annually.

The competition is strong, and there is a November 10 deadline. Please mention the Truman Scholarship to your students, and call it to the attention of your strongest students. Contact Herb Steeper (S-228) for info.

Calendar

OCTOBER 4: Concert—Young at Heart Chorus. Director Bob Cilman returns with his merry band of senior-citizen singers, dancers and performers. If you missed them last year, here's your chance to catch the liveliest and funniest act in the Pioneer Valley. 12 noon, college cafeteria.

OCTOBER 5 and 6: Management Workshop, Woolman Hill, Deerfield.

OCTOBER 10: Co-op Education Committee Meeting. Everyone is invited to learn more about co-op education, and listen to Dr. Teresa Howard, director of co-op education at Holyoke Community College, one of the best at any community college in the state. 2 p.m., room C129.

OCTOBER 11: DEADLINE FOR NEXT WHAT'S NEW!

OCTOBER 18: Workshop for teachers and staff from area school systems, sponsored by the Bereavement Support Group and the Franklin Hampshire Guidance Association, 12-4 p.m., college lecture hall. For info, contact Larry Dean in Student Services.

OCTOBER 18: Valley Environments, a Multi-Media Presentation. Nature photographer John Green will give a multi-media presentation on the natural world, including environments of the Pioneer Valley. 12 noon, Performing Arts Center. The first of the Pioneer Valley Institute Lecture Series.

OCTOBER 19: College Day, transfer coordinator Rob Yacubian's annual academic extravaganza, complete with representatives from over 100 four-year colleges. 9-1, college gymnasium and lobby. **TELL YOUR STUDENTS!**

Quote of the Week

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."

--Schopenhauer

*Thanx and a tip 'o the hat
to Hyrum Huskey*